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DATE:

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TO:

Interested Parties

FROM:

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CalRecycle

SUBJECT:

Notice of Formal Rigid Plastic Packaging Container (RPPC) Regulations

Rulemaking and Beginning of 45-Day Public Comment Period

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is beginning the formal Rigid Plastic Packaging Container (RPPC) Regulations Rulemaking. Please find attached the official notice for the proposed RPPC regulations. The proposed regulations are available on CalRecycle's website at:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/RPPC/default.htm. The 45-day written public comment period for this rulemaking ends at 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2011.

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed rulemaking is scheduled for:

RPPC Rulemaking Public Hearing
April 8, 2011

10 a.m. (concluding after all testimony is given)
Joe Serna Jr., CalEPA Building
Conference Room 550
1901 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Immediately following the public hearing, CalRecycle will conduct a public workshop. The agenda for the workshop will be released closer to April 8, 2011 and will be made available on the RPPC rulemaking website at: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/RPPC/default.htm.

The language within the proposed revised text for the 45-day comment period reflects revisions that were directed by the Permitting and Compliance Committee of the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the Acting Director of CalRecycle. The first revision is related to the use of the term "Board." Since the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Board) was eliminated and succeeded by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department) (Strickland, Chapter 21, Statutes of 2009), the term "Board" has been replaced with the term "Department." The second set of revisions reflects the changes that were directed to be made by the Permitting and Compliance Committee during their November 5, 2007 meeting. These changes include eliminating source reduction through resin switching as a compliance option throughout the regulations, and clarifying alternative container compliance method is available only to entities contracting with companies under the same corporate ownership.